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SUBJECT: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE (TC) AND TC WORKING PARTY

REF: A. USOECD 25905

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1. TCWP ACCEPTED THAT TC WILL MEET AS SCHEDULED NOV. 27-28. TC CHAIRMAN HERMES (THROUGH FRG DELEGATION) MAINTAINED HIS OPPOSITION TO POSTPONEMENT OF TC SESSION. MOST EC DELS, SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND ARGUED FOR MAINTAINING SCHEDULE, WHILE US SUGGESTION THAT NEXT TC MEETING TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY WAS SUPPORTED ONLY BY CANADA, WHICH IS IN ANY CASE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PURSUING OECD WORK ON EITHER COMMODITIES OR EXPORT CONTROL MEASURES, AND (MILDLY) BY AUSTRIA AND FINLAND.

2. IN RESPONSE US RATIONALE (REFS B AND C), SPEAKERS FELT LONG GAP BETWEEN MEETINGS OF TC WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF NEED FOR FURTHER DECISIONS ON COMMODITIES WORK AND INABILITY OF TCWP TO MAKE FURTHER

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PROGRESS ON EXPORT CONTROLS WITHOUT NEW GUIDANCE FROM TC.

(SEE SEPTELS FOR REPORTS OF TCWP DISCUSSIONS BOTH TOPICS.) GERMAN DEL THOUGHT POSTPONEMENT (WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT MEAN CANCELLING ONE MEETING) WOULD GIVE WRONG IMPRESSION ABOUT IMPORTANCE OECD ATTACHES TO TRADE PROBLEMS IN GENERAL.

3. TCWP ACCEPTED SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSED TOPICS FOR NOV. 27-28 TC MEETING AGENDA (REF A, PARA 2).

4. TCWP AGREED, IN ACCORDANCE EARLIER TC DECISIONS, TO MEET NEXT DEC. 10-11 FOR FIRST DISCUSSION OF FEBRUARY UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES MEETING. TC WILL BE ASKED TO DECIDE ON FUTURE SCHEDULE, INCLUDING WHETHER UNCTAD COMMODITIES PROPOSALS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT SECOND TCWP MEETING IN JANUARY AND/OR BY TC ITSELF, PROBABLY FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY.

5. TCWP ELECTED ROGERS (US) CHAIRMAN FOR REMAINDER OF CURRENT TERM. GUYOT (FRANCE) CONTINUES TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIRMAN. SINCE SHE WAS ACTING CHAIRMAN DURING MOST RECENT TCWP MEETINGS (ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AS WELL AS COMMODITIES AND EXPORT RESTRAINTS), MISS GUYOT WILL PRESENT WP'S REPORT TO TC NOV. 27-28.

6. SINCE ROGERS WILL CHAIR DEC. 10-11 TCWP MEETING, AND IN VIEW OF DELAYED ARRIVAL OF GEWECKE AS MISSION TRADE ADVISOR, IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT WASHINGTON PROVIDE REPRESENTATION FOR THAT MEETING.  
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